

World Literature

English II and Honors English II

Welcome to 10th Grade English! (Fall 2020)

To prepare you for the course, you need to complete the following summer homework assignments. Your first assignment focuses on ancient mythology, which is foundational in world literature. Many authors reference classical mythology, so an introduction to the stories gives you a head start.

BOOK REQUIRED: *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes* by Edith Hamilton

Please note: There are several different publications of the same book, which is why I have not only put page numbers below but also titles of the stories/chapters to make the reading clear no matter the publication.

ASSIGNMENT 1:

- **ENGLISH II:** Read from p. 24 ("Part One: The Gods, the Creation...") to p. 184 (the story of "Atalanta"- read this story and then stop)
- **HONORS ENGLISH II:** Read from p. 24 ("Part One: The Gods, the Creation...") to p. 246 ("The Adventures of Aeneas"- read this story and then stop)
- **BOTH ENGLISH II AND HONORS ENGLISH II STUDENTS**
MUST: Underline significant passages and take notes in the margin as you read. Here are the guidelines to complete as you annotate or take notes:
 - Look for human qualities (in both the gods and humans) that are universal (i.e., pride, greed, vanity, etc.) and mark certain lines/passages that illustrate them.
 - Mark passages and make comments addressing the role of women in the myths
 - Mark passages and make comments that address the purpose of the myth (to explain a natural phenomenon, to characterize the gods, etc.)
 - Note/Mark all the gods/goddesses
- You will be given a test regarding your reading during the first few days of school, so please be familiar with the text

ASSIGNMENT 2:

Choose a book—that you enjoy and have not yet read—and read it. It must be a fiction book and on a level that is appropriate for you (aka *Magic Treehouse* is not okay). You may also not read a book that has been made into a movie unless you check with me beforehand. So, choose carefully.

On the Friday after the first day of school, we will have a timed in-class write over your free read. Please make sure you are familiar with the plot, conflict, and themes of your book by then.

Assignment Due Dates: All assignments are due on the first day of school. If you are not going to be present on the first day of school, then the assignments are due on your first day back.

NOTE: *any plagiarism or sharing of answers on any assignment will result in a zero and a referral per the handbook.*

Summer Reading Opportunity

For those of you interested or available, I will be offering a weeklong Camp Patriot Program from July 20th-24th (8:30-11:30 AM) to assist you in reading Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* and to help you prepare for the test.

Head to Metro's website to sign-up for the course!